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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of preparing eEnrichment concentrates containing specific organic selenium compounds including L-selenomethionine and Se-methyl-L-selenocysteine, extracted from selenium enriched garlic.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The A method for preparing the enrichment concentrates of claim 1 involves consisting of the following steps:

- (1) supercritical extraction with carbon dioxide modified with a solvent or solvent mixtures selected from comprising of alcohols ethanol, ethyl acetate[[,]]or water[[,]]; followed by
- (2) separation of individual organic selenium compounds using ehromatographic or other procedures including but not limited to preparative high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)[[.]];
- (3) reconstitution.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The organic <u>selenium</u> compounds of claim 1 <u>include consist of the [[S]]</u>selenoamino acids <u>such as L-[[S]]</u>selenomethionine [[,]] <u>and Se-[[M]]</u>methyl-L-selenocysteine, and <u>related compounds[[;]]</u> as <u>well as the [[S]]</u>selenoamino acid dipeptide[[s]][[,]] <u>such as N- γ (L-[[G]]glutamyl) L-selenomethionine- N- γ (L-[[G]]glutamyl) Se-methyl-L-selenocysteine <u>and related compounds</u>.</u>

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method of preparing [[a]] \underline{A} bioavailable nutritional supplement composition consisting of natural garlic powder containing 10-2000ppm of elemental selenium in the form of \underline{the} organic selenium compounds of claim [[1]] $\underline{3}$ combined in defined proportions for optimal health benefits.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition of claim 4 may be formulated into a capsule[[,]] or tablet or other oral dosage form, or added to food products; for use as selenium nutritional supplement in humans and animals.

Claim 6(currently amended) <u>Use of The the</u> composition of claim 4 is <u>as</u> an efficacious antioxidant nutritional supplement in humans and animals.

Claim 7 (currently amended) <u>Use of The the</u> composition of Claim 4 is <u>as</u> a safe nutritional supplement with low toxicity to humans and animals.

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Claim 8 (currently amended) <u>Use of The the</u> composition of claim 4 is useful as nutritional supplement in strengthening immune functions and resistance to diseases in humans and animals.

Claim 9 (currently amended) <u>Use of The the</u> composition of claim 4 is useful as nutritional supplement in detoxifying regimens in humans and animals.

Claim 10 (currently amended) <u>Use of The the</u> composition of claim 4 is useful as nutritional supplement facilitating general health maintenance in humans and animals.